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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF BILATERAL ISSUES BY GOE
INTO MFM

REF: A. QUITO 7429 B. QUITO 7445 C. QUITO 7430

D. QUITO 7378 E. QUITO 7336

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT CONFLUENCE OF UNRELATED
NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS ON VARIOUS BILATERAL PROBLEMS JUST
PRIOR TO MFM MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BY GOE AS CALCULATED
USG EFFORT TO PRESSURE IT, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN
OPEC. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS IN MIND:
AID PHASEOUT AND PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA'S REPORTED
REACTION THERETO (REF A); MISUNDERSTANDING OF DEPARTMENT'S
REPRESENTATION TO ECUADOREAN CHARGE ON ADA CASE, WITH
ATTENDANT PUBLICITY (REF B); BRANIFF PROBLEM, WITH CAB'S
RESULTANT REQUIREMENT THAT ECUATORIANA FILE ITS SCHEDULES
(REF C); TEXACO-GULF PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY WORKERS'
PROTESTS OVER LAYOFFS (REF D); AND GOE CONCERN OVER
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ACTION TO EXCLUDE OPEC COUNTRIES
FROM GSP BENEFITS OF TRADE BILL (REF E). IT WOULD BE MOST
UNFORTUNATE IF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA WERE TO MIS-
INTERPRET THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS COORDINATED USG EFFORT
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TO EMBARRASS HIM AND IF HE WERE TO REFLECT THIS IN HIS

SPEECH TO MFM.

2. REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER WHETHER, IN CONTEXT OF
DIRECT APPROACH TO PRESIDENT EXPLAINING AID PHASEOUT,
WHICH IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TELEGRAM, YOU SHOULD ALSO
EXPLAIN BACKGROUND OF OTHER PROBLEMS IN ATTEMPT AVOID
MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MISINTERPRETATIONS. INGERSOLL

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